

# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.  
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW

### The Old Year With All of Its Joys and Sorrows Passes Away

And the New One is Ushered in—Make the Best of Nineteen-Seventeen.

This is the closing issue of volume seven of the Evangel. What has been accomplished by this little sheet during the past seven years eternity will only reveal. It cannot all be told now. But it is a pleasure to reflect over the past and call to mind some of the good things accomplished, so that we know it has not been published entirely in vain.

Seven years ago there was no such thing as the Church of God Evangel. At the Assembly in January 1910 there was a committee appointed to publish a paper to represent the Church of God. This committee set about to find an editor and manager, and a plan to meet expenses. After days of counsel and consideration the plans were completed, the first issue of the first volume made its appearance on the first day of March 1910.

In the beginning there were no subscriptions, and no money.

It was largely a venture of faith. We did not know whether anybody wanted such a paper, except the few that spoke it into existence at the Assembly. But it has had a marvelous growth. During the past year the circulation reached seven thousand, and the little fellow not quite seven years of age.

To recount some of the blessings that have been carried to people through this medium may not seem too egotistical. According to testimonies that have been volunteered it has had its place in bringing comfort and happiness to many homes. Some who were sick have laid the little messenger of peace on their breast, when it came fresh from the mails, and were healed instantly. Not a few have been blest other ways. Some have been saved from their sins under its influence. Some have been led into the light of holiness, others have been convinced

of the teaching concerning the baptism of Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues as the evidence.

Many of the saints have been blest just by the touch of its little white wings. Not a few have testified that they have felt the power of the Holy Ghost thrill through their whole being as soon as their hands touched it, as if it came to them freighted with the power and glory of God. Many have been led to accept the Church of God, and say farewell to creeds and divisions.

Indeed this little white-winged messenger has been like a light house at sea. It has kept many a frail bark from going down beneath the breakers on the stormy sea of life. It has cast forth its rays of light and warmth far and wide. It has met a glad welcome in thousands of homes. It has visited nearly every state in the Union, and crossed the deep blue sea and landed in many countries of the world, besides gaily stopping on many islands to gladden the hearts of its lovers.

There is no other periodical in the world that carries the message that this one bears. No other one that advocates the taking up of serpents, handling fire, and the glorious Church of the Bible with its principles and government. Nothing like it on earth. It does not take the place of other papers, it occupies a place of its own. It is without competition in its class, because it is the only one of its class.

But now the last issue of volume seven is going,—going,—gone! And it will never again be reproduced. Gone forever, but its memory will linger still, and we trust its good influence will never die. And now we pass from the old to the new. We have briefly reviewed the old and the past, but what

will be the new is yet to learn.

As this last issue of the Evangel reaches many of its readers the old year will be slowly dying. While on its way to those more remote time will pass from the old to the new year. What solemnity in one moment and what joy the next! Death and life will clasp each other by the hand but for a moment, and the light of life will shine away the gloom and darkness of death, and the old year will sink away never to return. Yes, the old year with all of its joys and sorrows passes away, and the new one is ushered in.

Beloved pilgrims, if you have failed to do your duty in the past year, you can never retrace your steps and search out your failures from the debris and wreckage of the past year and bring them over into the new to recover the loss. The die is cast. The thing is done, and you cannot make it otherwise now. What has been written of your record, to go to the judgment, will go there unchanged.

If you have idled your time away and failed to do your part in the salvation of some soul that you could have saved by an honest effort, it is too late now to retrace your steps and hunt up that soul that is wrapped in the folds of the old year that have been laid away, and bring it back from the gloomy cells of death and save it. If you have failed, you have failed, and there is now no time for moping around and grieving over your failures. If you do you will steal the precious time from the new year, and you surely cannot afford to commence at the very first of the New Year with another failure.

So brace up, beloved pilgrims, why worry yourself over the past that you cannot change? The new is here and now is the time to commence to save yourself from the same failures of the past year.

Brace up! brace up! Take courage, now, and see that you lose no precious time again. What you have lost is gone forever, but now do not make matters worse by the loss of more time spent in grieving over what is too late to recover.

If you did not do your

best last year, the only thing now to do is to make the best of Nineteen-Seventeen. Be ready at the mid-night hour to grasp the reins and whip, and start in to drive through the coming year with a will and courage you never have before possessed. Be on the move and save all the souls he can. Spend no money foolishly. Spend no time idly. God needs your money to assist in spreading His glorious gospel. He needs your time either to make money by your honest toil to use for His glory, or to go in person and rescue the perishing ones from the quicksands of sin.

Let me repeat the message! Make the best of Nineteen-Seventeen. Remember you can only live each day once. Make every day count one in God's service some way. When I used to travel and had to wait for a train, I would often sit in the station and study my Bible or attend to my writing. Sometimes I would go and rent a room and spend the time in prayer. Very few times since I got religion have I spent my time loitering around just simply to pass the time away. Too much to do for that.

Keep busy, and busy for God, is the best way to escape the torments of the devil. I would feel mean shortly if I was to sit around in an idle manner. You need to keep so busy for God that you will have no time to entertain the devil or his suggestions. And to keep busy for God you have no time for discouragement. You become so intensely interested in His work that you will find no time for the "blues." You may get tired in your body, but you will be happy and blest in your soul.

During the coming year the preachers ought to preach on an average of once a day the whole year through. They should never be satisfied with only one or two services a week. That puts the thing too slow. We must hurry now, for the time is so short.

Those who cannot preach should be diligent in their labors and make good wages and give their tithes and offerings to support those that can. If you cannot preach yourself you ought to help

others to do it, for it must be done.

The Evangel must do its part too. It can only make fifty-two trips, but we want it to be full and loaded down with good things, and visit a greater number of people than any year in the past. Besides making its regular trips and increasing the circulation, we want it to have a better and nicer appearance. We are going to work to that end. It cannot live on subscriptions alone, but we are not going to take in advertisements to make it live. We are going to look to God to make us able to put it through and meet the expenses in some way unknown to us.

If we can have the prayers and co-operation of all that love the little messenger I'm sure we will go through successfully. Under the head of co-operation I mean for the loved ones to secure new subscriptions, and not only help us with the expenses in so doing, but place the blessed message before your friends and those you love.

No one need be uneasy about this little sheet compromising. It was not started for that purpose. It stands straight up and down and on an equilibrium. No leaning to one side, nor becoming dormant or slothful. It stands out firm on its teaching on every line. It stands for Bible experiences and Bible practices.

If you ask it about Justification it will not hesitate in its answer, nor give any uncertain sound when you hear from it. You will not hear it say that you can sin or live an "up and down life" and remain justified all the while. When one sins, or is in the "down" side of life he is not in a state of justification. To be justified it means to be free from sins committed—all of them washed away and forgiven. Then the moment another is committed justification ceases until it is repented of and put away.

And one is not in a fit condition to be sanctified unless all of his sins are put away and forgiven. Then he can plunge into the crimson flow by faith, and in the miraculous operation, he will be sanctified wholly by an application of the blood.

When one is sanctified

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Hope our friends will take special interest in soliciting subscriptions for the Evangel.

Commence the New Year by attending Sunday School, and by living in such a way that you will be a blessing to the world.

Pray that God will stir the hearts of the people to give liberally to the support of the foreign mission work. God will bless us as we bless others.

The records showed that there were 289 in attendance in Sunday School here at Cleveland last Sunday. The Lord is blessing in many ways. Great things are being done in the name of Jesus.

**Meldrim, Ga.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Loved Ones of God:

I want to beg an interest in your prayers for I feel the need of it so much, as I have been overcome by the great overwhelming power of the enemy to some extent. I want to get close to my dear Savior and live for Him as I find no peace anywhere except at the feet of Jesus with my all on the altar.

I want to give a few words of warning to the ones that are trusting God for the healing of their bodies.

Dear brothers and sisters, don't ever give up and let the doctor come and take possession of your sick ones after you have been trusting God. This has been my experience.

I was living a happy, contented life while I was trusting God for all things and

when myself or children got sick we would pray for the healing of our bodies and we would soon be all right. But lo, the test came with such overwhelming power, and without one word of encouragement from anyone but many, many rebukes, till I finally consented to let the physician come in and take charge at a time when my three children and myself were seriously ill. As soon as I consented a deeper feeling of uneasiness crept over me, and my little ones seemed to grow worse. Finally two of them got better but my precious baby died. I feel that if I had trusted God it might have been spared to me besides the joy it would have brought to my heart to know I had stood the test, despite the slander of other people.

I am praying that God in His great mercy will give me grace as I never want to see another child of mine punished with medicine as my baby was.

I want to go where I can be in a meeting with the dear Church of God people. I would do my soul so much good.

I am praying that God will send some of His true ministers here to bring the old time religion to this place. I feel that some here would be saved for there are some good hearted people here.

Any one that can come write to me about what time and I will try to arrange for meeting if they haven't a tent.

Please pray that I might do much for my Master and stay in the center of His will.

Your sister, desiring more of Jesus,

Mrs. H. P. Harmon

**Gunton Park, Va.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I praise God for salvation. I am so glad He has promised to be with us even until the end of the world and we find His promises are true. I praise the Lord for the dear old Church of God. I have been in the church three years and I love it better every day. I am going through.

Your little sister,

Linna Bell.

**Kennedy, Ala.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

We are praising God for saving, sanctifying and filling us with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

We have been on the field

**Ringgold, Ga.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am not a bit tired of this way. I have had many hard places to come through but by the grace of God I am still shouting the victory. I have given up all for Jesus and taken up my cross and I mean to follow all the way by the help of God.

We are trusting in God and when our children get sick He heals them, praise God.

Jesus had nothing in this world, but He had a home in heaven, and I want nothing in this world but salvation to carry me home to heaven some day. I can't praise my Savior enough.

I wish I could go to meeting more than I do.

May God bless every child of His and help them to do His will.

Pray for us that we may do the will of our Father in heaven and win our children for Him.

Your sister looking for Jesus,

M. L. Flowers.

**Millville, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am so happy in Jesus. Oh, if I could tell the glad news to blinded hearts. I am so glad I am still on the glory side.

I went to a little town Port St. Joe, to carry the gospel and Satan knew what the Lord would do for the lost so he did his best.

I was turned out of doors because I wouldn't sin. I had no where to go and not a dollar to leave town on. Finally I found a place with a woman who had once been a light for Jesus but had back-slidden. Praise God He always helps us through in some way.

I have sweet peace in my soul. The Lord has so wonderfully blessed us since coming here. I sent for the Assembly at Harriman, Tenn. to pray for me and I surely realized the effect of those prayers. The Lord never fails to give what we ask if we keep His commandments.

I was at a place the other day where a lady was con-

since July 15th all the time. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way.

I want prayer for the healing of my body. The pains in my side. It doesn't hinder me in preaching but it does in singing.

Your brother and sister,

W. M. Newman and Wife.

fined and she asked us to pray that she might be delivered of her child without another pain. I prayed believing and she was delivered at once.

I earnestly desire the prayers of the saints that I may ever be found humble at the feet of Jesus. While I am writing I can feel at times the mighty electrifying power of God thrilling every fiber of my being.

I am aware of the fact that the devil is on our tract and the best way I find to get rid of him is to jump out into the middle of God's promises.

I am determined to go through with Jesus regardless of the cost. I want Him to ever have His way with me.

Your unworthy sister,

Bertha Burgess.

**Fox Worth, Miss.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost, and I want my husband and two little boys to receive the Holy Ghost also.

I am so glad that the Lord saw fit to send brother Evans back to Mississippi to preach the true gospel. He has done much good here, the Lord has blessed his meetings so wonderfully.

I am so glad I walked in the true light of God. I am so much happier now than I was before I saw this way. I am happy at home, at church and just anywhere and praising God all the time.

The Lord wants His children to obey His Word and be true workers for Him.

Oh, we are a happy band of saints, full of the spirit. The Lord sends His power upon us, praise Him. One sister handled fire, others handled lamp globes. I praise God for the way He blesses His people. I feel like I am in heaven when I get with the dear saints at church.

There was one filled with the Holy Ghost Saturday while making syrup, another was sanctified.

Four followed Jesus in water baptism Sunday morning and we engaged in the Lord's supper and feet washing Sunday evening.

The Lord sure blessed us wonderfully, nearly all of the saints were under the power shouting, dancing, singing and praising God.

May God bless all of His people. I love them all.

Your sister in Christ,

B. B. Tullos.

**Alachua, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I thank God for sending some of His dear children to this place. In August, we had a tent meeting.

And ever since then I have been seeking the Holy Ghost. One day last week I was in my room praying to God, and asking Him to baptize me with the Holy Ghost, and praise His dear name He sent it and I came up shouting the victory.

The Lord preached and prayed through me in other tongues, and I am not ashamed to tell it for I know it come from God.

I want all the saints to pray for me that I may hold out faithful; and pray for my husband, and two deaf boys.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. E. A. Morris.

**Parish, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for victory over sin and the devil. I praise God for the Holy Ghost that guides me every day. I belong to the dear old Church of God. I have been in this way one year and four months and the way is getting brighter every day and by His help I am going through.

The Lord has done so much for me, I can never praise Him enough. "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus."

Pray for me.

Your brother under blood,

W. S. Dillion.

**Branford, Fla.**

The little eighteen months old son of brother and sister Arthur Cox departed this life October 30, 1916.

Brother and sister Cox trusted little Ira with the good Lord until the very last. The precious Master, who knoweth all things best, saw fit to take the little one home to glory where it can bloom more beautiful than it could in this old sinful world.

Brother and sister Cox still have the victory. They can say,

Sleep on little Ira, our precious little son,  
We know you have no pain,  
But soon, oh soon may Jesus come,  
And give you back again.

C. F. D.

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# TO BE A GOOD PASTOR

Sam C. Perry.

The is a great need at the present time for good pastors to feed the flocks and build up the work along the line.

Even if the evangelist is wonderfully successful in revival work, there is need for a good man to hold things together and carry on the work after he is gone to other fields, and without such a man, much valuable time and work is lost.

Our pastors might increase their usefulness very much by a little more careful study and closer application to their work. For their special benefit this article is written.

A successful pastor is a man of much prayer. Every department of his work is backed by prayer. His private devotions, his house to house visitations, the sick, and all public services furnish a fruitful field for the exercise of his soul in faithful earnest prayer. If he is short in his prayer life, all of his service will be lacking and ineffective, a man who knows how, and does pray through everything will succeed.

A pastor is also a student of the Word of God. There are many things he should know, but above all his Bible. This is his weapon of offense and defense, and should ever be the "man of his counsel." It is food to his own soul, it is the bread of life which he is to give out to the children of God, and it is the feast he is to offer to hungry souls. It is the staff to be given the weary, the light for those in darkness, it is needed on all occasions.

A pastor should visit his members in their homes, not to talk about the other members, but to help them spiritually, and get closer to them for a more hearty co-operation in the service of the Lord. Do not be partial, but visit all as far as possible occasionally, and make yourself felt in their homes as a spiritual force, and sometimes there are those who are not members of your church who should be visited. Keep your eyes open and when you see an open door enter it with the message of full salvation. There are many who can be very favorably impressed by a little visit and a personal effort to reach them.

A pastor should not only try to keep his flock together, but try in all possible ways to win the unsaved, a lively church will be used in bringing other souls into the fold, and if they haven't enough

power to bring in others it is not very likely they will even hold their own, but will go backward. The pastor is supposed to look after all the interests of the church, and this is one of her greatest, she lives and thrives as new converts are coming into her ranks, but without them she declines, and let us emphasize this thought, it is not expected of pastor or members to drive sinners away, but to win them for God, whenever possible. There are many little things in the lives of some that have a tendency to drive souls away, these should be put aside, and we should endeavor to use such words, spirit and manner as that will win, and not repel or drive away those whom Jesus died to save.

A pastor should central his own children. In the first place this is necessary for their own salvation, and then that his usefulness may not be destroyed. We are compelled to acknowledge that it is no easy task to bring up children for God in these trying days. But we wonder why some do not make a greater effort in that direction than they do, just a little parental authority properly exercised would work wonders in some cases we are sure. Let us not over look this point. It is an important one.

A pastor, should not be a man full of prejudices and self-will, ready to "jump rough-shod" into other people, but he should be able to control himself and his conversation under all provocations, even answering slowly and calmly and with gentle love under the most trying circumstances. Sometimes the expression on the face alone, in a heated discussion would disprove all your former testimonies and profession of perfect love and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is often necessary for us to keep silent and not even reply to our opponent. Have you grace to keep your mouth shut and your spirit sweet under any kind of circumstances?

These are a few of the things a pastor should know. May God give us more pastors.

## Beaver, Pa.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still standing for the Lord, I have received the Holy Ghost and have spok-

en in other tongues. I am the only one in my family who has the Holy Ghost. I am glad I have been permitted to live to see these last days, and to know we are right with God and can live for Him.

One of my boys ran away and joined the U. S. army and he has been sent to the Philippine Islands and I want every one who reads this to pray that he may be saved and be brought home safe. He wrote me a letter asking me to pray that he might get through his three years and get back home safe.

My oldest boy with me has something wrong with his back. I ask prayers that he may be saved and healed.

Pray for me that I may hold out faithful to the end.

Your sister in Christ, R. I Mrs. Nancy Hutchins.

P. S. I would like to know the address of brother P. F. Fritz.

## Lafollette, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have a heavy burden on me but praise the Lord, I intend to hold on to God's unchanging hand.

We had a pastor here who tore up our little band. He did not want us to read the Evangel but the Lord showed me it would help me so I read it anyway. This pastor was not a true Church of God man.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I want to please my heavenly Father.

I am a widow woman with four children, the oldest seventeen years old.

Please pray that he may be a Christian. Pray for me.

Your sister under the blood of Jesus,

Nellie Staritt.

## Ragged Island, Bahamas.

Brother Fred L. A. Wallace of this island has gone home to be at rest after an illness of about fifteen months.

He died Sunday morning, October 22, and in the afternoon his body was taken to the cemetery to lay among that peaceful congregation until the morning of the resurrection according to 1 Thess. 4:14-17.

Brother Fred leaves a wife, two boys and quite a number of relatives to mourn his death.

Brother Fred was faithful and loyal to his profession. He lived a child of God for fifteen years. I have never heard a thing against him. My last visit to his bedside was about two days before

he died and he stated that he wanted to go home.

It seems to me he could truly say as Paul the apostle, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished my course and henceforth there is laid up in heaven for me, a crown of righteousness that fadeth not away." Praise God.

Your brother,  
O. James Maycock.

## Hixson, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints:

The wicked one is working on every side to destroy the very best material we have in the great Church of God. While the devil is howling we should stand together in unity, loving one another.

We should stay away from shows, picnics, unions and elections, whether national or county. It is at the poles where men feel angry and do the very things our blessed Savior said for us to not do.

When I see our deacons and preachers at these elections, it makes my heart almost break, knowing they are examples for us. Some are even officers of the election.

James 5:12 says, "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath."

Col. 3:17 says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of Lord Jesus giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

Eph. 5:11, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Eph. 5:7, "Be not ye therefore partakers with them."

I hear a faint whisper saying "we have to have laws." That disciple's father had to be buried too, but Jesus said "Follow me, let the dead bury their dead." Well amen. May our God bless you all.

Your brother under the blood,

Frank Johnson.

I do not see our ministers at such places as this brother indicates. I did not suppose any of them were taking much part in such things. But they might go and never be seen by me for I never go to such places nor take part in them.—Editor.

## Kennedy, Ala.

Dear brothers and sisters:

Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name.

I praise God for the love that I have in my heart, because I have perfect peace with God and because I feel

nearer my eternal home. I have been back slidden from my first love but glory I am back into the fold of God and I never expect to turn aside any more.

I praise God for the Bible way. Pray for me.

Yours in the blessed love of God.

Mattie Taylor.

## Maryville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Dear Name:

I'm praising God for victory today. The Lord is so precious to my soul.

I praise Him for the privilege of attending the Twelfth Annual Assembly of the Churches of God at Harri-riman. It was great to see how God is working.

Let all the saints unite in prayer for Maryville, that they may receive the Word.

Pray for us that God will use us to the spreading of His Word and the salvation of the lost here.

Yours in Him,  
Mrs. Etta Martin.

## Starke, Fla.

To All the Saints:

Anyone wishing to write me send it to this place.

If any of the preachers come through, you will find my home one mile from the depot. Come help me in the battle at this place.

Pray for me in this new place.

R. I H. J. Thomas.

## Vabrico, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to God for what He has done for me. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I am so glad I found this way. I praise the Lord for the Church of God

I want every one who prays to pray for my six brothers and one sister that they may be saved before it is too late. My sister had the Holy Ghost but she doesn't now.

Your brother looking for Jesus,

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wholly it does not mean he has reached absolute perfection on every line, but it means that the "old man" is crucified. It means that the heart is cleansed from the "inbred" sin. Paul's "dying daily" has no reference to the act of sanctification. Sanctification is an instantaneous act, wrought in the heart by the application of the blood of Christ by the Holy Ghost.

The Evangel will stand square for two works of grace during the year 1917, the same as it has in the past. Sanctification subsequent to regeneration. Then the baptism of the Holy Ghost as an endowment of power on the sanctified life. And this last experience is always evidenced with the other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

Besides these experiences the wings of the little white dove will carry its message of healing for the body by the power of God. There will be no uncertain sound about this point of doctrine. It will remain as strong as ever against the use of pills and powders or any other medicines. When it is possible to obtain midwives there will be no physicians employed even in the case of child-birth, and even when this is necessary there will be no use for medicines or stimulents.

There is one thing that the Evangel cannot do that we would love to have it do. It cannot carry from its place of publication all the matter that its friends and lovers send in for it. We are sorry this is the case. Many good testimonies, and sometimes good articles, are never seen in print, because there is not sufficient space. Wish it could be enlarged the coming year so it could carry much more. If somebody that goes to heaven would only leave a legacy for the little dove of peace, much more could be accomplished.

Finally, goodbye old year, and welcome the New. We must travel more rapidly now and make every edge cut. The New Year will bring a freshness and beauty that the old in its dying moments does not possess. May our lives be such that we can shine away the gloom that hangs over the multitudes, and be a blessing to many.

Goodbye old year, goodbye, goodbye,  
We'll stand aside and let thee die.  
But at thy close in prayer I'll say,  
May we be more for Thee each day,  
The coming year than in the past,  
And press the battle till the last.

Gone To Be With Jesus

Sister Bertha Neblett de-

parted this life September 22, 1916. She was true to Jesus.

Sister Bertha was loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the dear old Church of God. She received the Holy Ghost five years ago.

She leaves a husband, four children and many friends to mourn her death, but we weep not as those who have no hope.

Sister Bertha's life here was her testimony. The last time she was in meeting she said "I feel like going home, I don't care how soon the time comes to go."

Funeral service was conducted by Jim Aylor.

Yours for the Master,  
Pauline Aylor.

Bell Mills.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am praising the blessed Savior for full and free salvation. I have been saved two years and three months and I wouldn't give that time for all of my past life. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. He sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

A few days after I was saved my father made me leave home. I had been gone about a month when he came after me to go back home but he wanted me to give up my salvation. He said it was of the devil. I would not go home for I wouldn't give up my salvation. The Lord took care of me. I was gone from home just four months and six days when the Lord gave me a good husband but he is unsaved. Help me pray that he may be saved. He is a strong believer but has never gotten the experience.

Pray for me that I may be a shining light to my husband and to all others.

Praise the Lord.  
Your sister in Christ,  
Lela Haney.

Sampson City, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for this wonderful salvation and for the Holy Ghost which Jesus promised when He left this world. I am happy with Jesus alone and I expect to go all the way with Him. I love Jesus because He loved me enough to lay down His life for me. I have had this wonderful experience about two years, and it gets sweeter to my soul every day.

Pray for my husband and children.

Your sister looking for Jesus  
Violetta Southerland

Fleming, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I praise God for salvation. He is so precious to me. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

I can feel a "go ye" down deep in my heart and I intend by His help to go and fill the call.

I desire an interest in the prayers of the saints that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet. I am nothing within myself but God has all power. I am a member of the Church of God.

Pray for me and my companion.

Your brother waiting for Jesus,

Harry Long.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints:

I am praising God for full and free salvation. I praise Him for picking me up out of this dark world of sin and setting me on the solid rock, Christ Jesus. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost about four years ago, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance according to Acts 2:4.

This way seems brighter every day of my life. God has done so much for me and I haven't done anything for Him. I long to see Jesus coming because I want to go home. I am only a little girl fourteen years old.

I want all the saints of God to pray for me, that I may ever be found at the feet of Jesus, willing to do anything He would have me do.

Your sister,  
Olla O'Neal.

Chilton, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been a reader of the Evangel for quite a while and it does me good to read the good testimonies and sermons. I do enjoy good preaching, although I don't get to hear but little. There are no holiness people here but myself and husband. There are a few more about five or six miles from here but we have no pastor. We generally have a meeting once or twice a year but that is not enough for a weakling like myself.

The Lord saved me about six years ago but I have not pressed the battle as I should, but let work and worries of this world take up much time and I have failed to read and pray as I should so it seems I have reached a point where it is go on or go back and I

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have a great desire to go on and I want to ask you dear people to pray much, pray earnestly and pray daily for me until I receive the Holy Ghost, then pray that I may live so true that others may be brought into the fold.

The Bible tells us that the prayers of a righteous man availeth much, so I desire the prayers of every praying man and woman who read this that the Lord will put such a hunger in my soul that I may never give up pleading with the Lord until I receive the blessing.

My husband has the baptism and it has done wonders for him, I know it can do the same for me and I feel that I am a very needy creature. I don't belong to the Church of God.

I do pray that God will send some good spirit-filled, powerful preacher here, one that can preach with such power that God will honor his work with the signs following. This is a hard place for a holiness preacher but I am satisfied if there could be some of the signs here, such as taking up serpents and the like, many would be convinced at once.

I read the Last Great Conflict some time ago and it did me so much good. It was written so true and boldly, no wavering and doubting in it. Your unworthy sister,  
M. B. Pimberton.

Kennett, Mo.

Brother Tomlinson:

I happened to get hold of "The Church of God Evangel" and I like it so well that I want to subscribe for a year. God baptized me four years ago with the Holy Ghost and I still have the victory. Praise His name! I have not taken a dose of medicine since I received the Holy Ghost.

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